

FIRE AT HAMLET

Fire Thursday Morning Destroys Block, Entailing \$7,000 Damage.

Fire this morning destroyed the block of brick buildings in Hamlet, on Railroad avenue, nearly opposite the Seaboard hotel. The estimated damage is \$7,000, with about \$4,000 insurance.

The fire originated at nine o'clock in a pile of wood to the rear of Mudd's barber shop, and quickly spread throughout the livery stable of R. E. Hinson and adjoining stable of M. R. Sharpe. Hinson lost two horses and a Hudson Super Six, besides feed and material, and Sharpe is said to have lost a horse and feed and material. Fortunately, the slight wind was blowing from a direction that prevented a worse conflagration.

Blockade Outfits Captured.

Sheriff H. D. Baldwin and deputies C. C. Shores, G. A. Seawell and B. F. Meacham had their 'raiding' clothes on the past few days.

Saturday the officers bagged a 100-gal. still in Steele's township, in full blast, but the operators made a get-away though recognized. 7 gallons of whiskey and 350 of beer were captured.

Sunday afternoon about dusk the officers captured a 50-gal. outfit (an oil drum for a still) in Mark's Creek township, four miles from Hamlet. The still was in operation. Ellis Hatcher was captured at the still, but was later released under bond furnished by his father, Henry Hatcher. There were 3 white men and 1 negro present, but they temporarily escaped.

Monday a. m. about five o'clock, the officers stationed themselves in hiding near a still in Steele's township. About 8:30 some men appeared, carrying the worm, cap and other fixtures, and they were at once nabbed; the men were Joe Richardson, Herbert Pinion and Bill Panky. Bond was given and preliminary hearing will be held here Jan. 5th; also, the hearing for Ellis Hatcher on same date. The still was of 150-gal. capacity, and was within 400 yards of the still captured Saturday.

The capture of these three stills make 129 taken by Sheriff Baldwin during his five years as Sheriff.

Health Survey.

The teachers of the City Schools have tried to make a Health Survey of the children of the town of school age with reference to the most dangerous diseases. Not all the homes responded to their requests. Information has been received for 437 white children and 274 colored. Of the white pupils, 353 have had whooping cough, 84 have not; 403 have had measles, only 34 have not; 36 have had scarlet fever, 401 have not; 26 have had typhoid fever, 411 have not; 37 have had small-pox, 400 have not. 236 pupils have been vaccinated against typhoid fever and only 278 small-pox. There is room for some work right here along preventive lines. Our people by all means should take full advantage of these safe and sure means of prevention.

Of the colored pupils, reports were gotten from 274. Of these 251 have had whooping cough; 250 have had measles; 22 have had scarlet fever; 11 have had typhoid; 27 have had small-pox. Only 5 have been vaccinated against typhoid and 92 against small-pox.

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RICHMOND COUNTY TAXABLES

Abstract of Listed Taxables for Richmond County for 1917 As Compared with 1916

The following is a most interesting abstract of the listed taxables for Richmond county for 1917, as compared with 1916; and also a statement of the taxes charged to the Sheriff for collection for both years. The Post-Dispatch is indebted to Auditor H. L. Guthrie for the compilation of these figures:

	1916	1917
Real Estate Listed by Corporations.....	\$1,548,394	\$1,595,253
Value Personal Property by Corporations.....	997,215	1,249,133
Value Railroad, Telegraph, Etc.....	1,672,018	1,680,451
Value Bank Stock.....	264,636	289,024
Value Corporation Excess.....	100,384	166,405
Value Personal Property by Whites.....	4,059,008	4,271,709
Value Property Listed by Colored.....	327,857	328,258
Total Value of ALL Property Listed.....	\$8,969,512	\$9,580,233

Number of Polls Taxed in the County:

	1916	1917
Number of White Polls.....	2326	2521
Number of Colored Polls.....	1272	1456
Total Number of Polls.....	3598	3977

Taxes Charged to the Sheriff for Collection:

	1916	1917
For State Purposes.....	\$13,021.17	\$14,471.26
For General County Schools.....	28,785.97	30,919.64
For Special School Districts.....	10,695.63	13,867.88
For General County.....	27,378.82	32,525.93
For County Roads.....	33,921.87	36,318.11
Total Tax to be Collected.....	\$113,803.46	\$128,102.82

Service Flag.

The girls from the 10th and 11th grades have made a service flag for the school representing the boys from our school now in service. It is a red flag with a white centre upon which are 42 blue stars, one for each former student. The list is as follows:

- 1 Robert L. Steele, First Lieut., Aviation Corps, Augusta, Ga.
- 2 Nathan W. LeGrand, First Lieut. Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.
- 3 Dr. F. Bernard Garrett, First Lieut. Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.
- 4 Jas. H. Ellerbe, First Lieut. awaiting orders.
- 5 J. H. Allred, 2nd Lieut. Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6 Walter L. Scales, 2nd Lieut. Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.
- 7 Nash LeGrand, 2nd Lieut. Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.
- 8 Joel Cloud, 2nd Lieut. Camp Jackson, S. C.
- 9 John H. Hall, 2nd Lieut. Camp Jackson, S. C.
- 10 Carl Smith, 2nd Lieut. Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.
- 11 Stephen W. Steele, Corporal, Coast Artillery, Ft. Caswell, N. C.
- 12 Wm. L. Covington, Quartermaster Dept., Aviation Corps, Ft. Thomas, Ky.
- 13 Benson Ledbetter, 73rd Squadron, Aviation Corps, San Antonio, Tex.
- 14 Willie Shankle, Co. L., 16 Infantry American Expeditionary Force, Somewhere in France.
- 15 Mack Dunn, U. S. Navy, Battleship Wyoming.
- 16 Lonnie Cole, Co. D., Signal Corps, Panama.
- 17 L. P. McKeithan, Quartermaster Dept. Aviation Corps, Ft. Thomas, Ky.
- 18 Robert Covington, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.
- 19 Grady Garrett, Quartermaster Dept. Aviation Corps.
- 20 Ralph Mattox, Ft. Scriven, Savannah, Ga.
- 21 Henry Marks, U. S. Navy, U. S. Ship Hancock.
- 22 George Davis.
- 23 Preston Pegues, Ft. Scriven, Savannah, Ga.
- 24 Frank Alden, Coast Artillery, Ft. Monroe, Va.
- 25 George Wilson, U. S. Navy.
- 26 William Cole, Quartermaster Dept., Aviation Corps.
- 27 Logan Kelly, U. S. Army, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.
- 28 Cecil Smith, army, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.
- 29 James Stewart, Regular army, Arizona.
- 30 Frank Biggs, Quartermaster Dept., Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.
- 31 Jim Young, U. S. Navy.
- 32 Ernest Young, U. S. Navy.
- 33 Millard Davis, U. S. Navy.
- 34 Dewey Carter, U. S. Navy.
- 35 Robert Ledbetter, Quartermaster Dept. Camp Jackson, Columbia S. C.
- 36 Jim Fowlkes, Ambulance Corps Aviation Service, Ft. Greenleaf, Ga.
- 37 John McAulay, U. S. Ship Courtney, Somewhere in France.
- 38 Vann B. Covington, Camp Jackson, S. C.
- 39 Luther Stone, U. S. army.
- 40 Minor Hinson, unassigned
- 41 Corbett Hinson, unassigned
- 42 W. Ben Stubbs, unassigned

Don't Wear Army Shoes.

The chairman of the Richmond county Council of Defense, B. T. Payne, has received the following communication from the State chairman, which is self explanatory:

"My dear Sir:

The Government has urgent need for all the shoes known as "Army Shoes." As soon as a new draft is called, there will be still more urgent demand for these shoes. Some of these shoes are being offered and sold to civilians, without either seller or buyer knowing that it is against the law for any dealer to sell to a civilian any article of a soldier's or sailor's uniform. As our soldiers will need these shoes, we feel assured that as soon as our dealers know the circumstances, they will not injure the soldiers or violate the law by selling such shoes to any but enlisted men.

Please communicate with the shoe dealers in your county, and ask them to remember the hardships of our soldiers, and hence to aid them in every way possible and at the same time observe the law."

Colored Teachers' Association Jan. 5th.

The Colored Teachers' Association will meet Saturday, January 5th, 1918, at the Graded School at 11:00 A. M. at Rockingham. The program is:

1. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."
2. Scripture Reading.
3. Prayer.
4. "The Red, White and Blue."
5. Story Telling, 4th Grade, Florence Woodard.
6. Plant Pollination, J. H. Blue.
7. A Lesson in Vocal Music, Mamie Perry.
8. Physical Training In Primary Grades, Ada L. Harris.
9. How I Teach Reading To Beginners, Era A. Covington.
10. A Lesson In Reading, Writing and Spelling, By Representatives of The Faculty of The Rockingham High School.
11. Remarks.
12. National Hymn.

Committee.

Red Cross Members.

The "drive" made here the past two weeks to gain new members for the Rockingham Red Cross Chapter resulted in securing 425 new members and 197 renewals. The total number on the rolls before the drive was 588, and with the addition of the 425 new members, the Chapter now totals 1013.

VETERANS' PENSIONS

Pension Money Distributed Richmond County Pensioners.

There are 89 Confederate pensioners on the Richmond county roll, and Clerk of the Court J. A. McAulay has distributed the proper amounts to these worthy veterans and widows of veterans. The total amount sent this year is \$4080.

The amount paid last year was \$32 to veterans and widows of the 4th class, and \$60 to the 2nd class. The last legislature increased this amount to \$45 for the 4th class and \$75 for the 2nd. This amount will be a most acceptable and needed Christmas present for the recipient, and the pity is that these survivors of the Lost Cause can not be given an even larger pension.

Two pensioners, Thos. B. Covington and Mrs. Martha Davis, were added to the list this year. The Richmond county board of pensions is composed of Stephen Wall, chairman, A. B. Nicholson and E. C. Cole; with the Clerk of the Court as secretary.

The following is a list of the veterans and widows receiving pensions:

VETERANS

- 2nd Class, \$75.
James Pankey
- 4th Class, \$45.
Quick Ailey
J. H. Austin
John Brigrman
S. C. Billingsly
G. W. Battle
F. L. Cole
Thos. B. Covington
Duncan Cole
A. T. Cole
S. P. Covington
A. A. Cameron
H. H. Covington
Wm. R. Covington
W. H. Dabbs
W. B. Dawkins
T. M. Ewing
M. C. Ellerbe
James F. Gay
M. B. Garrett
Thomas R. Graham
John C. Hasty
E. S. Hart
Alfred Hadley
Daniel Henderson
Wheeler Jacobs
E. D. Jones
Joseph Lampl
B. W. Luther
E. B. Lowe
Lawrence Latham
Nelson McCaskill
J. C. McFayden
Arch McGregor
Starling C. McDonald
John McPherson
John A. McAskill
A. L. McDuffie
Alexander N. McInnis
Alexander R. Morrison
W. B. Morse
R. C. Meacham
William McPherson
J. C. New
Arch B. Nicholson
L. J. Oliver
Arnold Perdue
Beaufort Peterson
T. R. Poole
A. P. Quick
Harrison Shepherd
John Surgen
Oliver Shepherd.
J. B. Williams
R. B. Wallace

WIDOWS

- 4th Class, \$45.
Ann E. Bolton
Mary Burgess
Mary Barrington
S. J. Bolton
Sarah E. Beck
Annie J. Campbell
Caroline Cole
Lucy Caroline Currie
Ann E. Chappel
Sarah E. Crouch
Jennie P. Currie
Bettie Davis
S. A. Dawkins
Eliz Dockery
Martha Davis
Rebecca Elliott
Martha J. Green
Frances J. Hasty
Ann E. Holder
Frances Hinson
Rachel Jones
L. Lear
Sarah E. Little
Catherine McLean
W. C. Meacham
Susan McDonald
Martha J. Napier
Ann Peele
S. M. Stogner
Elizabeth Shepherd
Meranda Skipper
M. C. Wallace
Caroline Webb
Eliza Wiggins

Since 1915, the following veterans and widows of veterans have "crossed over the River:"

VETERANS

- 2nd Class:
Daniel Gay

THE STAR Picture Theatre: PROGRAM

Week Dec. 28th to Jan. 4th

FRIDAY

Mutual—"A Daughter of Maryland," featuring Miss Edna Goodrich, in five reels.

SATURDAY

Pathe—"Double Cross, No. 11," featuring Molly King. Pathe—"Hearst News, No. 94." L-Ko comedy in 2 reels; five in all.

MONDAY

Mutual—"The Devil's Assistant," featuring Miss Marguerita Fisher, in five reels.

TUESDAY

Bluebird—"The Charmer," in five reels; all star cast.

WEDNESDAY

Mutual—"A Game of Wits," featuring Miss Gail Kane, in 5 reels.

THURSDAY

Pathe—"Seven Pearls, No. 8," featuring Mollie King and Creighton Hale. Pathe—"Hearst News, No. 93." Paramount—"Are Waitresses Safe," featuring Fatty Arbuckle. Five reels in all.

The above makes a splendid week's program; you will like them.

SALUTATORY.

The Star Theatre wishes to extend to their patrons an appreciation of their patronizing spirit in the past year, and hopes they will continue it in the coming year.

The high prices on everything has forced The Star Theatre to increase the admission fee from ten cents to fifteen cents and from five cents to ten cents for minors, which is a very small increase according to the increase in other things.

Our prosperous peace loving country is at WAR with an almost impregnable country: Germany. War pictures will be made from the scenes of this great struggle, and as they are released The Star Theatre will secure them and give you the benefit of the early released pictures.

We will assure you that the pictures shown here in the future will be as good if not better than those shown here in the past because we have an indefinite number of pictures booked from different Corporations. A great number of theatres have closed down for the winter on account of the lack of coal, but we are positive we can give you a warm and comfortable house at every performance.

It becomes the duty of a theatre which serves the public to extend to the public a wish. The Star Theatre wishes the public a prosperous New Year and hopes that they will continue to favor the above named THEATRE in the future year as they have always done in the past.

THE STAR THEATRE.

Wm. G. Atkinson, Manager.

NOTICE.

Sixty-Fifth Interest Period.

Begin the New Year right by opening an account with The Richmond County Savings Bank. Deposits made up to, and including January 5th, will bear interest from the first at 4 per cent per annum, compounded quarterly.

You are earnestly requested and urged to join our 1918

Christmas Savings Club

which is now open

- In class A you pay 10c per week.
- In class B you pay 25c per week.
- In class C you pay 50c per week.
- In class D you pay \$1.00 per week.

These payments are made for FIFTY weeks. If these payments are kept up, at the end of FIFTY weeks you will receive the FULL PAYMENT paid in WITH INTEREST. If the payments are not kept up, you will receive check for FULL AMOUNT paid in without interest.

You Have Nothing to Lose—All to Gain.

Richmond County Savings Bank
Rockingham, N. C.